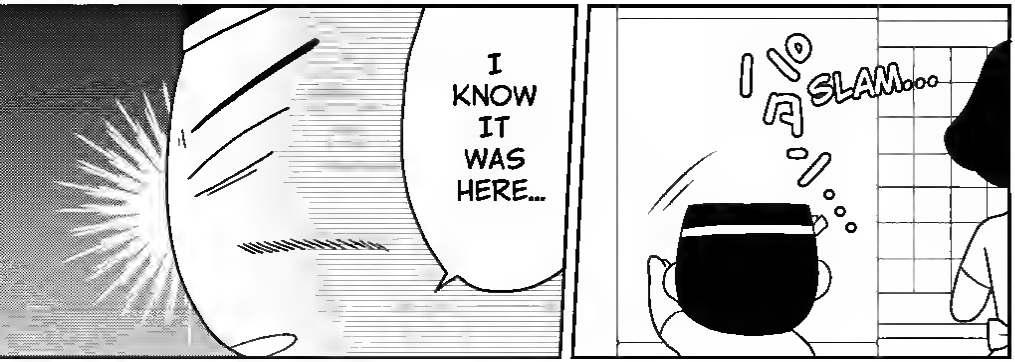
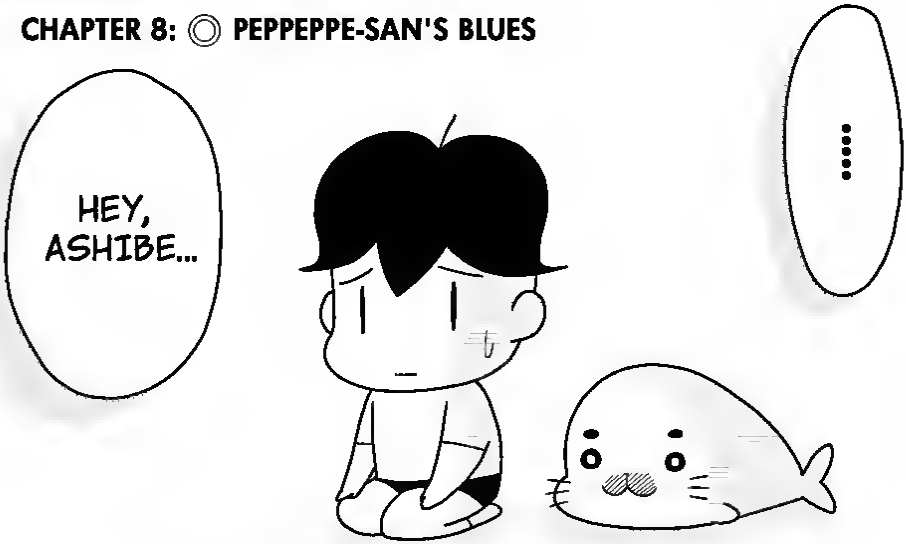


CHAPTER 8: ◎ PEPPEPPE-SAN'S BLUES

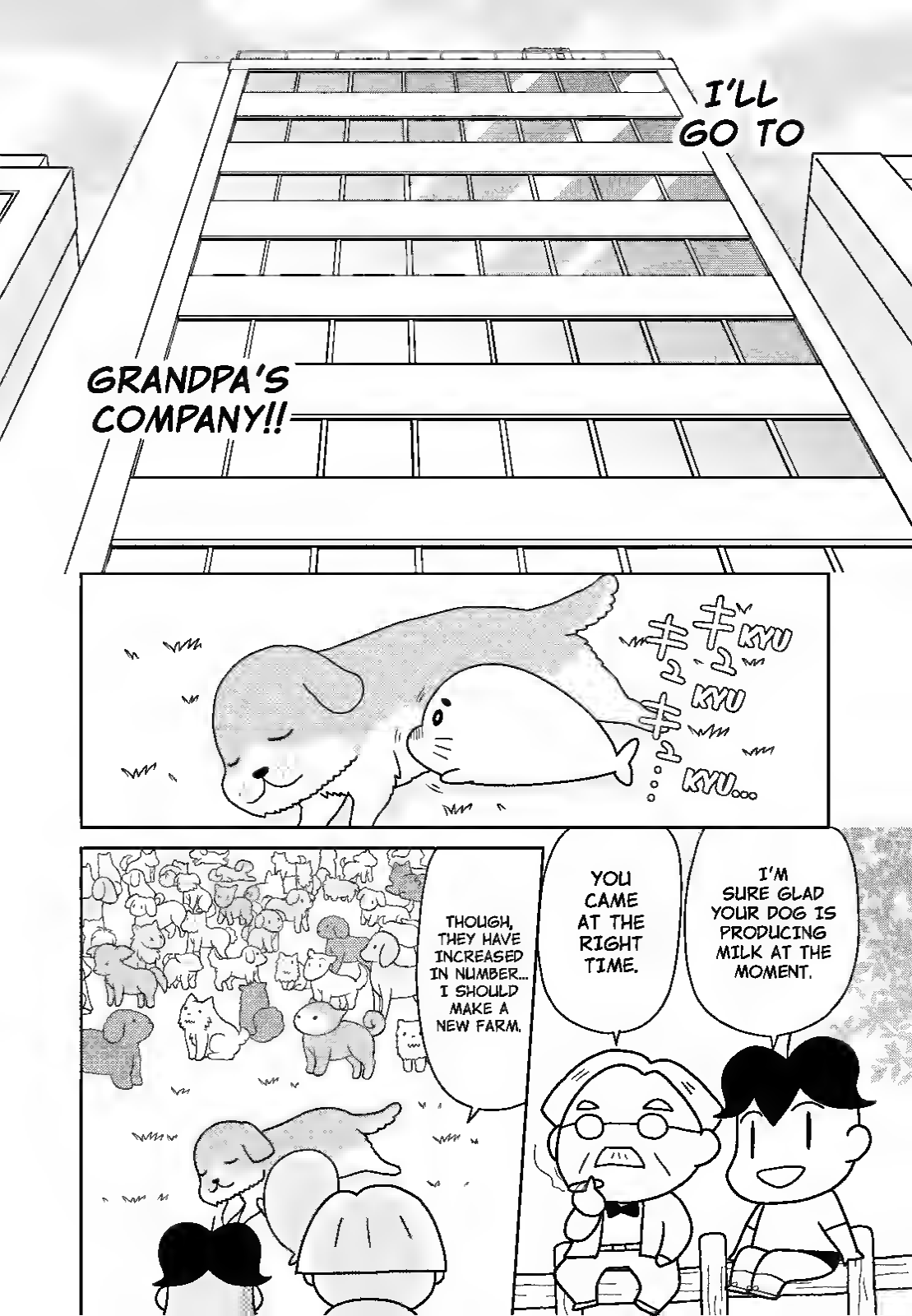


Go! Go! GOMA-CHAN

SHONEN ASHIBE

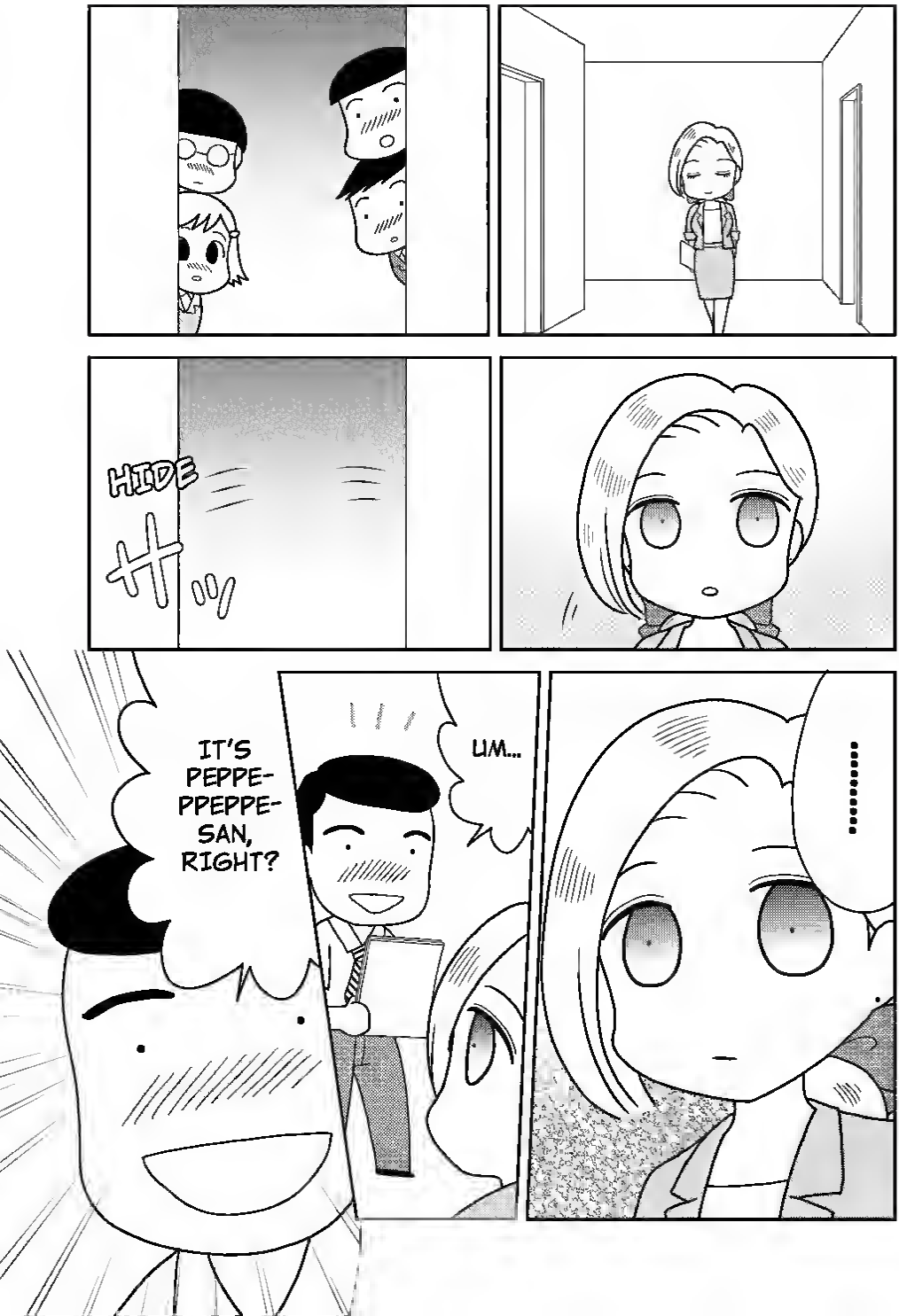
THE DRINK I LOOK FORWARD TO AFTER WORK.
THE APPE-TIZERS I SAVED,
THE PICKLED MACK-EREL,
FISH PASTE,
AND SCAL-LOPS...
YOU KNOW...
WHERE THEY WENT, RIGHT?!
BUT, GOMA-CHAN DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT.
KYUU
NO BUTS OR "KYUU"'S!!
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. THEY WERE ALL LEFT-OVERS, AFTER ALL.
DID YOU GUYS EAT THE EXPENSIVE CANNED CRAB, TOO?

'FESS UP.
IT WASN'T ME. IT WAS GOMA-CHAN...
キュイ
キュウ
...
...
I KNOW!!
IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE TO KEEP FEEDING HIM FISH...
WE HAVE TO GIVE SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT TO GOMA-CHAN'S FOOD.

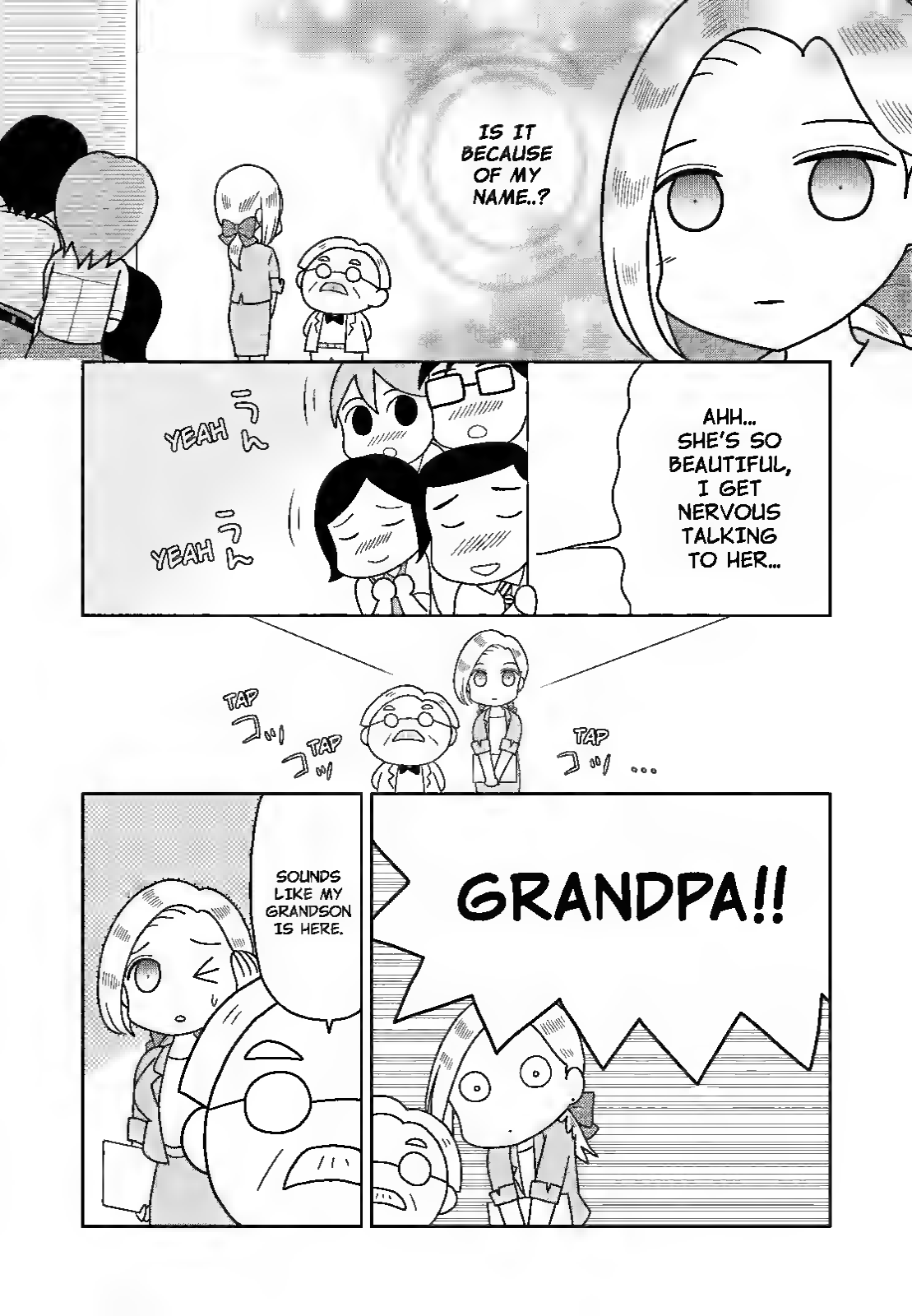

I'LL GO TO
GRANDPA'S COMPANY!!
KYU
KYU
KYU...
THOUGH, THEY HAVE INCREASED IN NUMBER... I SHOULD MAKE A NEW FARM.
YOU CAME AT THE RIGHT TIME.
I'M SURE GLAD YOUR DOG IS PRODUCING MILK AT THE MOMENT.

KYUU
ISN'T GRANDPA COOL?! HE OWNS A DOG FARM!
AND PEOPLE?!
AND AN IGUANA FARM.
THIS IS AN INTERVIEW FOR MY SECRETARY.
.....
EXCUSE ME.
YES, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU.
I HEARD YOU'VE DECIDED ON A SECRETARY AFTER THE INTERVIEWS YOU HELD RECENTLY.
CLICK...
ENTER.

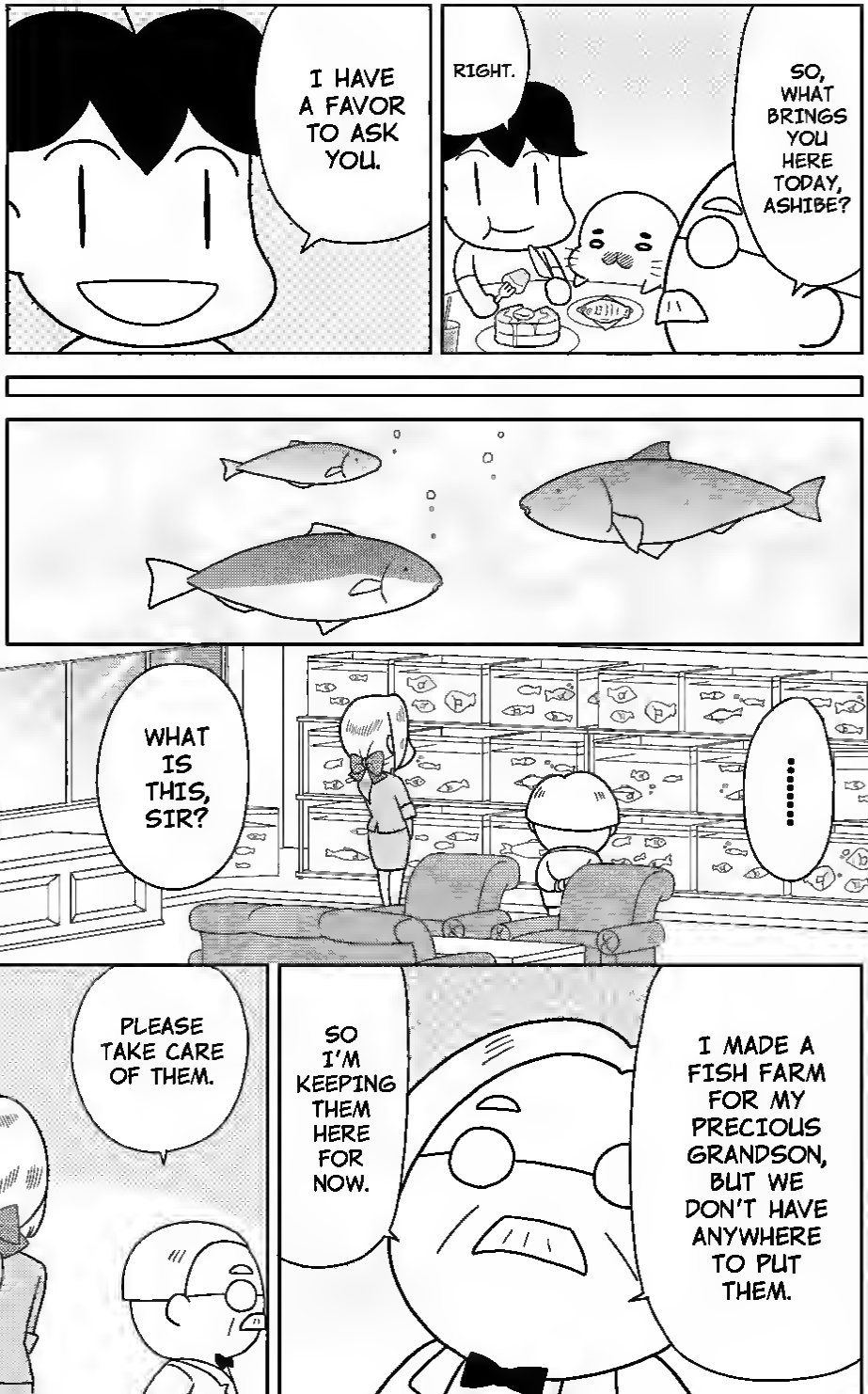
SHE IS PEPPEPPE SORAN AREMA-KUN.
PE...?
YOU ARE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY! NICE TO MEET YOU, PEPPAPPU-SAN.
IT'S PE-PPE-PPE...


HIDE
IT'S PEPPE-PPEPPE-SAN, RIGHT?
UM...

DASH
I'M SORRY!!
THAT'S ONE EXTRA "PPE"...
.....
SIR!
YOU'RE JUST IMAGINING IT.
I FEEL AS THOUGH THE OTHERS ARE DISTANCING THEMSELVES FROM ME.
I HAVE A FEEL-ING...
WHAT IS IT?


IS IT BECAUSE OF MY NAME..?
YEAH うん
YEAH うん
AHH... SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL, I GET NERVOUS TALKING TO HER...
TAP コツ
TAP コツ
TAP コツ ...
SOUNDS LIKE MY GRANDSON IS HERE.
GRANDPA!!

ASHIBE, THIS IS MY NEW SECRETARY, PEPPEPPE-SAN.
I'M ASHIBE. NICE TO MEET YOU!
OH, AND THIS IS GOMA-CHAN.
KYUU
キュー
PEPPEPPE-CHAN, HUH?!
...IS THE FIRST PERSON TO SPEAK TO ME WITHOUT HESITATION SINCE I ARRIVED IN JAPAN...
PEPPEPPE-CHAN, ARE YOU HUNGRY? HEY, PEPPEPPE-CHAN.
THIS BOY...
PEPPEPPE-CHAN, YOU WANT JUICE? OR COFFEE?


I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU.
RIGHT.
SO, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY, ASHIBE?
WHAT IS THIS, SIR?
.....
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THEM.
SO I'M KEEPING THEM HERE FOR NOW.
I MADE A FISH FARM FOR MY PRECIOUS GRANDSON, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO PUT THEM.

DUMBFOUNDED
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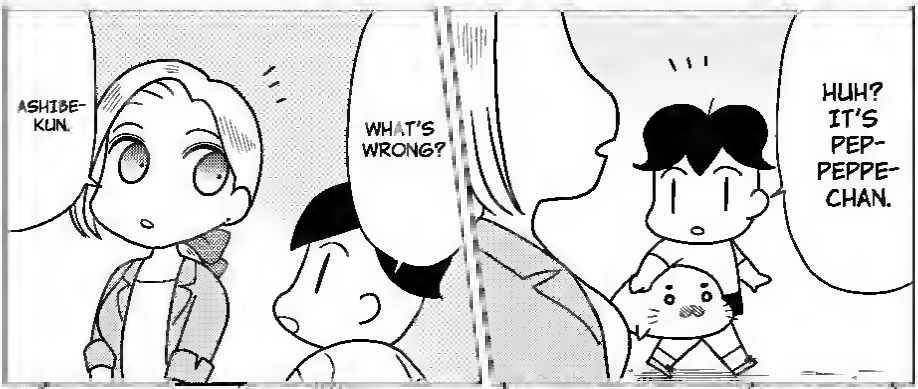

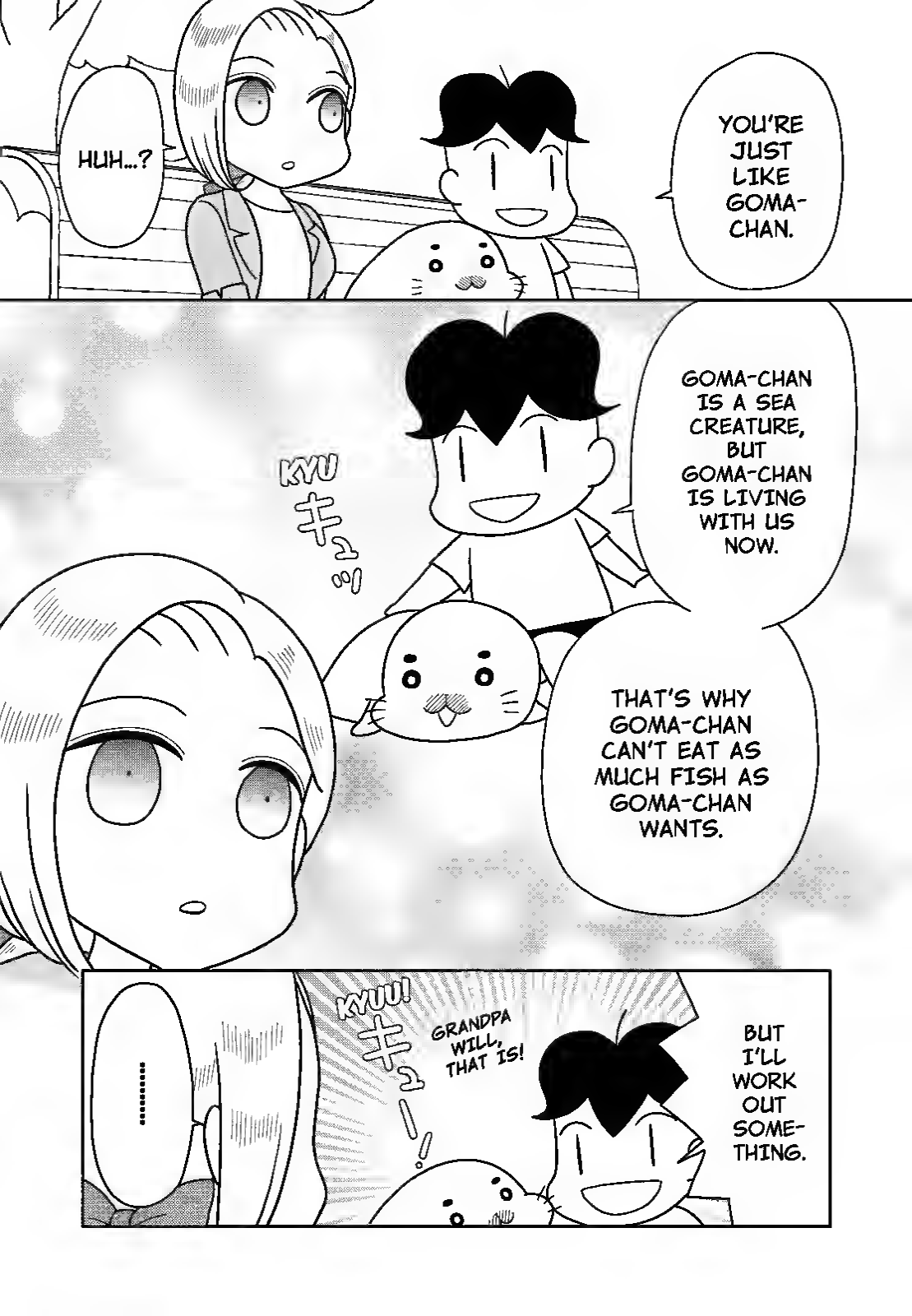
HUH...?
YOU'RE JUST LIKE GOMA-CHAN.
GOMA-CHAN IS A SEA CREATURE, BUT GOMA-CHAN IS LIVING WITH US NOW.
KYU キュ〜!
THAT'S WHY GOMA-CHAN CAN'T EAT AS MUCH FISH AS GOMA-CHAN WANTS.
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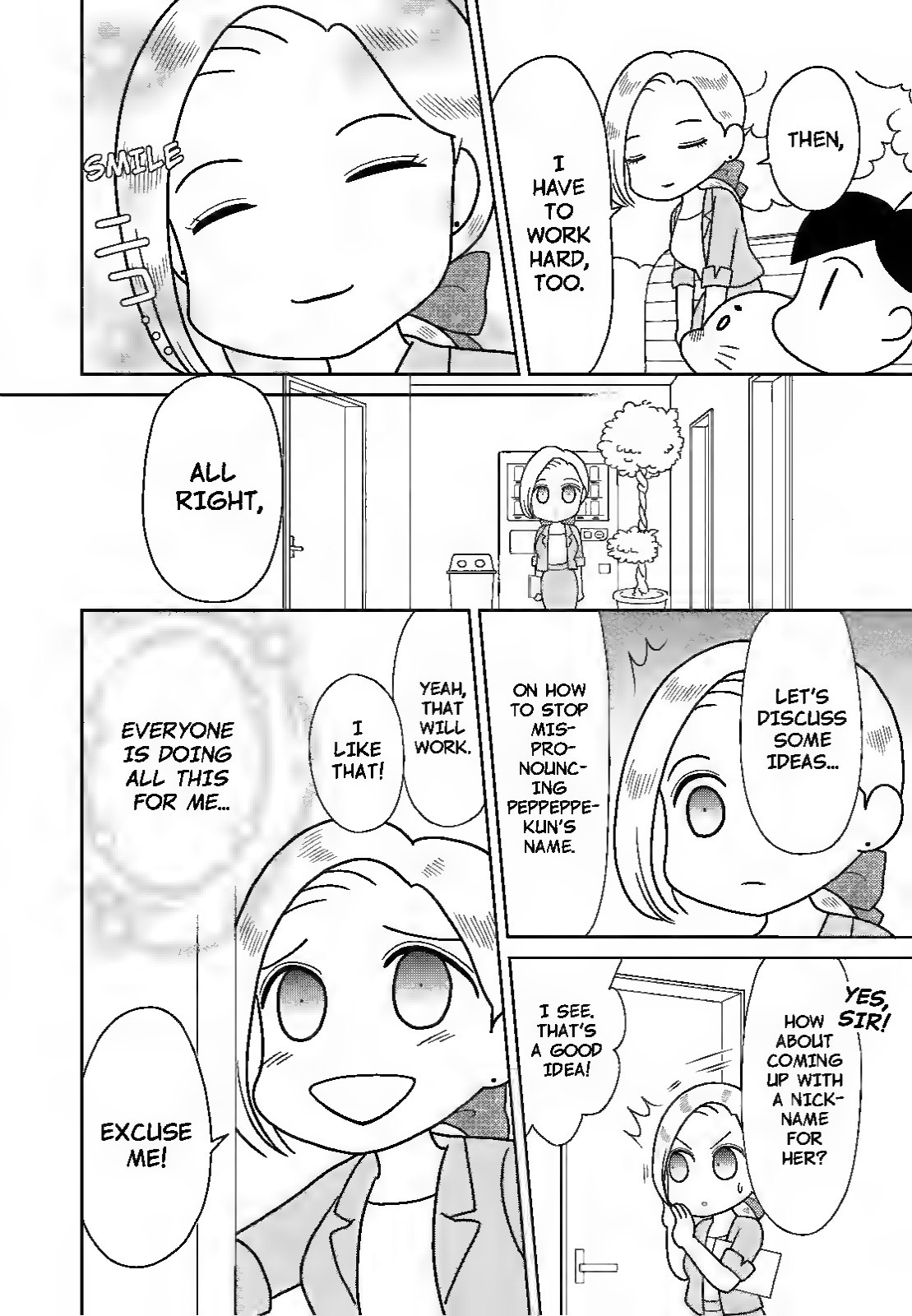
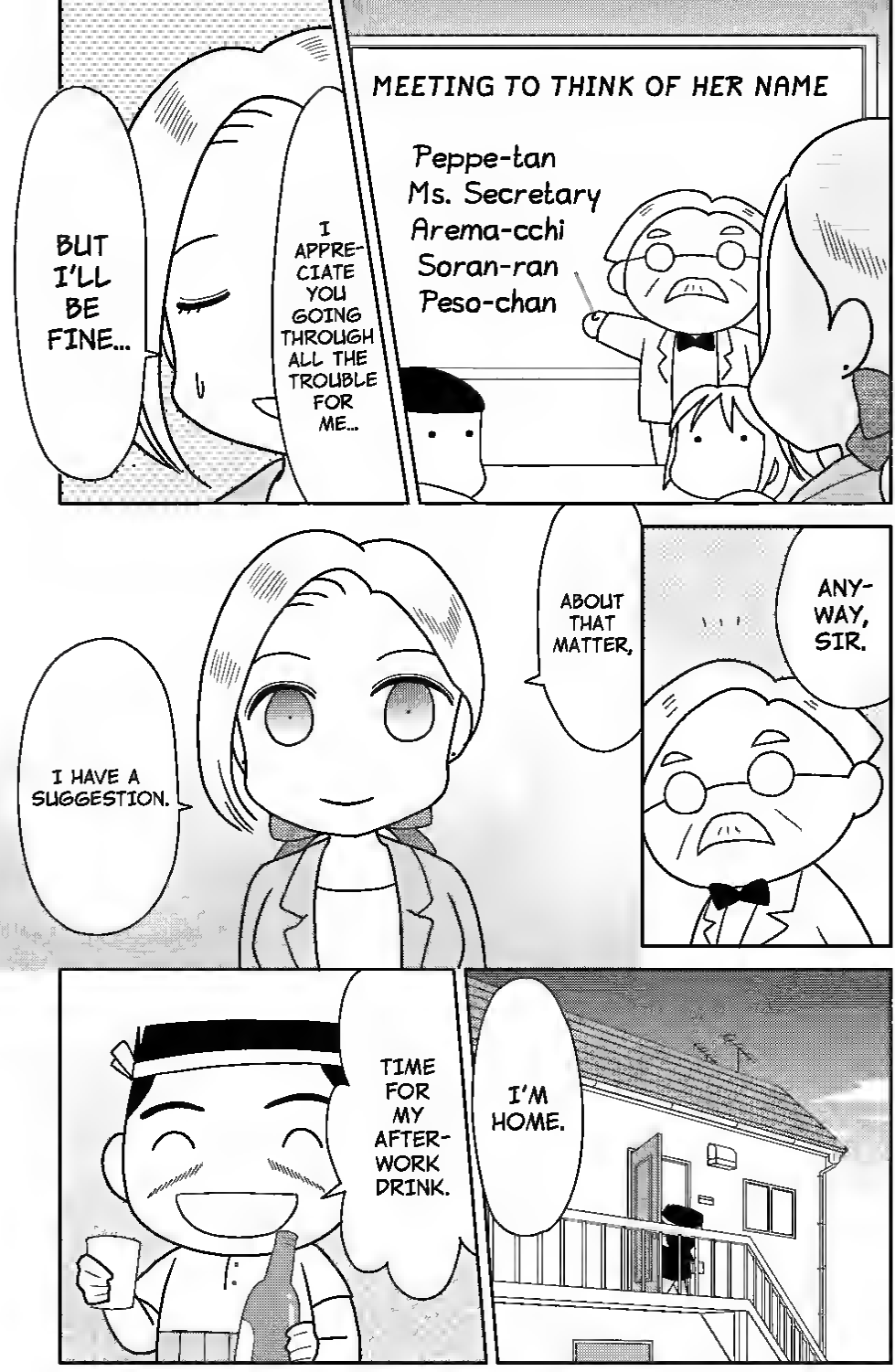
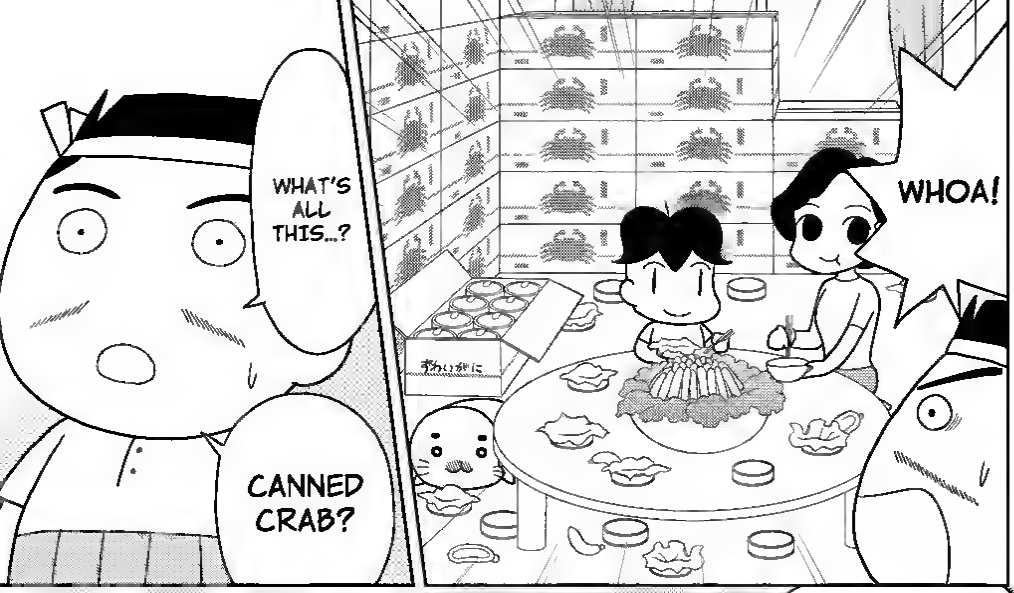
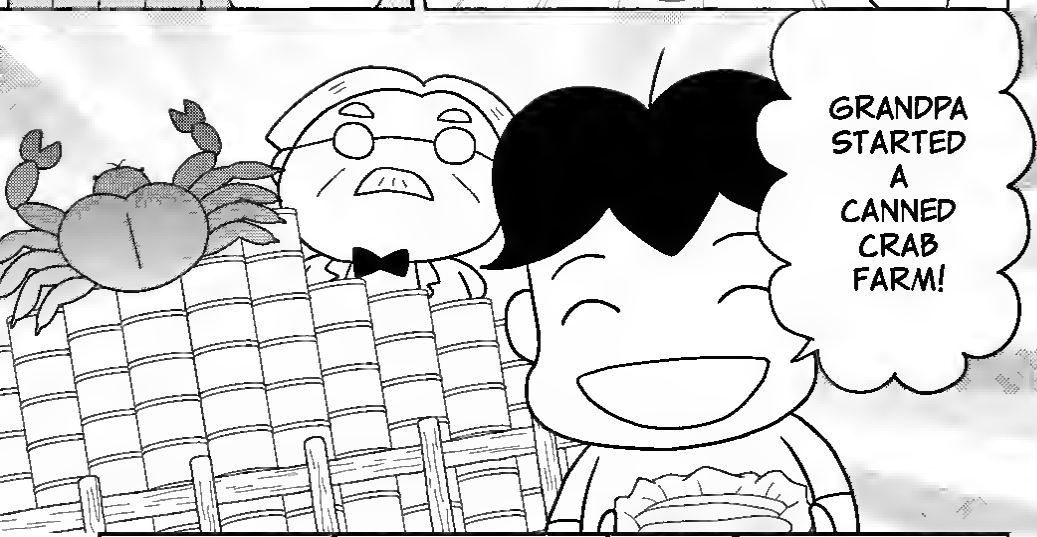
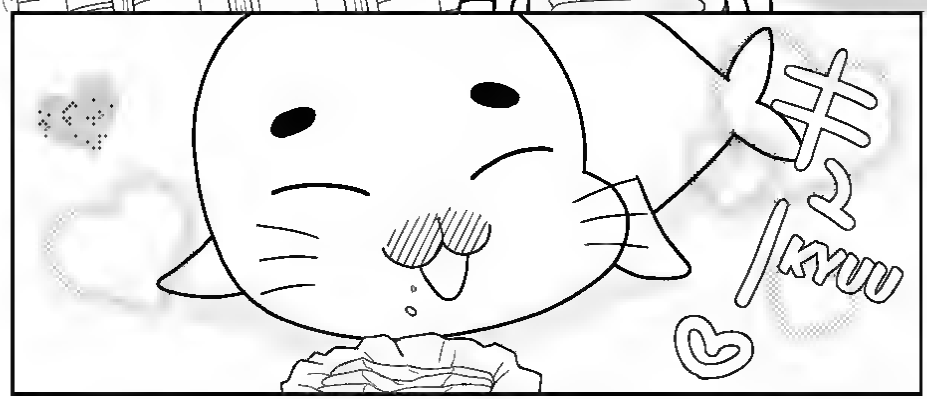
KYUU! キュー!
GRANDPA WILL, THAT IS!
BUT I'LL WORK OUT SOME-THING.


SMILE
I HAVE TO WORK HARD, TOO.
THEN,
ALL RIGHT,
LET'S DISCUSS SOME IDEAS...
ON HOW TO STOP MIS-PRO-NOUNC-ING PEPPEPPE-KUN'S NAME.
YEAH, THAT WILL WORK.
I LIKE THAT!
EVERYONE IS DOING ALL THIS FOR ME...
EXCUSE ME!
I SEE. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!
YES, SIR!
HOW ABOUT COMING UP WITH A NICK-NAME FOR HER?


MEETING TO THINK OF HER NAME
Peppe-tan
Ms. Secretary
Arema-cchi
Soran-ran
Peso-chan
I APPRECIATE YOU GOING THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE FOR ME...
BUT I'LL BE FINE...
ANYWAY, SIR.
ABOUT THAT MATTER,
I HAVE A SUGGESTION.
I'M HOME.
TIME FOR MY AFTER-WORK DRINK.







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